



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tomoki USHIDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2627

Application No.: 10/519,543

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For: OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD AND  
MANUFACTURING DEVICE THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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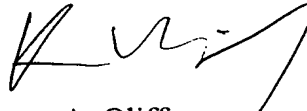
Sir:

In reply to the November 27, 2007 Restriction Requirement, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 24-34, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 24-43 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time

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